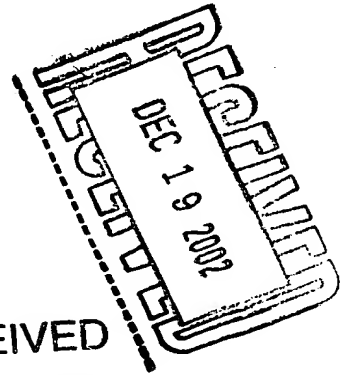




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Cited Literature 1 describes a constitution whereby a user terminal, medical center terminal and a pharmacy terminal are connected, prescription orders are issued, and home delivery of medicines is performed by the pharmacy.

Cited Literature 2 describes a constitution whereby transaction performance information is transmitted.

Cited Literature 3 describes a constitution whereby an online connection is made with a health insurance association terminal.

Combining the aforementioned techniques to make the invention as per the present application is something which could be easily achieved by a person skilled in the art.

Regarding the fine differences, these do not go beyond what could be suitably implemented by a person skilled in the art.

List of Cited Literatures

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H09-135816
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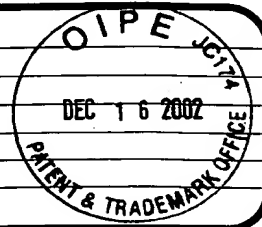
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